

ICC Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2017

UW-Extension, Marquette County Office, Montello, WI

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Russell Kottke, Chairman, at 9:30 a.m.

Certification of Open Meeting Notices

The Secretary confirmed that the requirements of the WI Open Meeting Law were met.

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Columbia County seconded by Jefferson County, to approve the agenda.

Motion approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Green Lake County, seconded by Dodge County to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2016 meeting. Motion approved.

ICC Dues

Motion by Green Lake County, seconded by Jefferson County to have all ICC members pay \$100 dues.

Motion approved. This will replenish the ICC fund, which is currently at \$125.

Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials -- none

Update on County Issues

Wisconsin Counties Association, Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf reported on several state budget items:

- o Additional funding for broadband
- o Moving from reimbursement model to block grant for CVSO
- o DHS changes to county funding for Family Care/Disabled
- o Fees for juveniles being sent to Lincoln Hills to go up
- o Proposed "Back to School" Sales Tax Holiday
- o Budget will allow for electronic posting of some items
- o Changes proposed for Joint Agency Statute to make it easier for multiple counties to work together when trying to share resources or merge departments across county lines such as sharing a Highway Commissioner or merging Health Departments.
- o There has been a lot of discussion on how to fix the state transportation shortfall

Presentation: EMS Issues and Trends

- o Presented by Mary Walters, Marquette County Board of Supervisors Vice-Chair and Jarrad Jungenberg
- o Lack of volunteers and increase in calls created need for Marquette County to begin transitioning to paid staff for EMS services
- o Currently renting two houses for staff while researching best options for permanent station locations going forward
- o Funding for EMS is through property taxes, but outside of the levy limits
- o Property owners will see a tax increase, but the county board is behind this project
- o In the future there may also be challenges with having enough volunteers for fire departments
- o The volunteer model is now obsolete

Update on UW-Extension

- Interim UW-Extension Associate Dean Heidi Zoerb reported on updates to changes affecting counties and UW-Extension
- Will have final recommendations in April
- Will need to hire some people and move some people
- Hope that current employees will be able to find a new position in Extension
- In April talks will begin with each county to see what sort of investment they are interested in making
- There will be a more responsive layer in a regional area to help counties build budgets
- The area director will come into each county and work with the committee to build a work plan.
- Will be asking counties within each area to provide "free" office space for area director, if they are interested in hosting the area director in their county

Other County Issues

March meeting in Green Lake County. Meeting to be at 9:30am on March 17th.

Adjournment

Motion by Columbia County, seconded by Green Lake County to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. Motion approved.

ICC Participants

Refer to sign-in sheet (attached).

Respectfully submitted by,

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